

Given to Woolsey - 14 June

Mr. President:

This amendment which I offer to S. 3390, the bill which continues the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, is simple and consistent with the action taken by the Senate the other day (13 June) on amendment No. 1221.

In that case, it was recognized that once normal peacetime conditions prevail in Southeast Asia--which we all hope and pray will be soon--the military assistance program of the United States for Laos and South Vietnam would be returned to the jurisdiction of the Foreign Relations Committee for administration under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. But as long as the war is being fought in South Vietnam and Laos, the requirements for military assistance are so different from those which can be met under ordinary peacetime conditions that assistance to these countries should be continued under the defense procurement authorization bill and administered by the Department of Defense.

Section 4 of S. 3390 adds a new section to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. This new section would be part of permanent law and would control the use of assistance funds for military operations outside the borders of the country of the government or person receiving the funds. This would apply to military operations in Laos, North Vietnam, or Thailand.

My amendment, which is simple and short, would assure that these controls apply to military operations carried out with funds granted

and administered under the authority of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, which applies to peacetime situations. By substituting the language of my amendment "under the provision of this Act" for the present language "under any provision of law", which appears on line 19 of page 7, we accomplish this purpose but at the same time do not hamper situations in the war zone of Southeast Asia such as occasional incursions into Laos by South Vietnamese forces. Any such operations, I believe, should continue to be governed by the provisions of the defense procurement authorization bill which we agreed just the other day should continue to serve as the authority for military assistance for this area as long as wartime conditions prevail.

17 "SEC. 515. LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

18 FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS.—(a) No funds authorized or

19 ~~appropriated under any provision of law~~ the provisions of this Act shall be made

20 available by any means by any officer, employee, or agency

21 of the United States Government for the purpose of financing

22 any military operations by foreign forces in Laos, North

23 Vietnam, or Thailand outside the borders of the country of the

24 government or person receiving such funds unless Congress

25 has specifically authorized or specifically authorizes the mak-

1 ing of funds available for such purpose and designates the

2 area where military operations financed by such funds may

3 be undertaken outside such borders.

4 "(b) Upon requesting Congress to make any such au-

5 thorization, the President shall provide to Congress a copy of

6 any agreement proposed to be entered into with any such gov-

7 ernment or person and the complete details of the proposed

8 military operation. Upon such authorization by Congress, the

9 President shall provide a copy of any such agreement and

10 thereafter of all plans and details of such operation."